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## Problem 4 (6 Points)

In this problem you will code a function to perform feature filtering using the Pearson's Correlation Coefficient method.

To start, run the following cell to load the mtcars dataset. Feature names are stored in feature\_names, while the data is in data.

### **Filtering**

Now define a function find\_redundant\_features(data, target\_index, threshold) . Inputs:

- data: input feature matrix
- target\_index: index of column in data to treat as the target feature
- threshold: eliminate indices with pearson correlation coefficients greater than threshold

#### Return:

Array of the indices of features to remove.

#### Procedure:

- 1. Compute correlation coefficients with np.corrcoeff(data.T) , and take the absolute value
- 2. Find off-diagonal entries greater than threshold which are not in the target\_index row/column.
- 3. For each of these entries above threshold, determine which has a lower correlation with the target feature -- add this index to the list of indices to filter out/remove.
- 4. Remove possible duplicate entries in the list of indices to remove.

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In [23]: def find_redundant_features(data, target_index, threshold):
    # YOUR CODE GOES HERE
    cc = np.abs(np.corrcoef(data.T))
    remove_features = []
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for i in range(0,len(cc)):
    for j in range(i+1,len(cc)):
        if(cc[i,j] > threshold and j != target_index and i!=target_index):
            if(cc[target_index,i] < cc[target_index,j]):
                 remove_features.append(i)
        else:
                 remove_features.append(j)

remove_features = list(set(remove_features))

return remove_features</pre>
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### **Testing your function**

The following test cases should give the following results: | target\_index | threshold | | Indices to remove | |---|---| 0 | 0.9 | | [2] | 2 | 0.7 | | [0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] | | 10 | 0.8 | | [1, 2, 5] |

Try these out in the cell below and print the indices you get.

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In [24]: # YOUR CODE GOES HERE

features_0 = find_redundant_features(data,0,0.9)
  features_2 = find_redundant_features(data,2,0.7)
  features_10 = find_redundant_features(data,10,0.8)

print("for target index = 0 the indices to remove are: ",features_0)
  print("for target index = 2 the indices to remove are: ",features_2)
  print("for target index = 10 the indices to remove are: ",features_10)

for target index = 0 the indices to remove are: [2]
  for target index = 2 the indices to remove are: [0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
  for target index = 10 the indices to remove are: [1, 2, 5]
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# **Using your function**

Run these additional cases and print the results: | target\_index | threshold | | Indices to remove | |---|---| 4 | 0.9 | | ? | | 5 | 0.8 | | ? | | 6 | 0.95 | | ? |

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In [25]: # YOUR CODE GOES HERE
    features_4 = find_redundant_features(data,4,0.9)
    features_5 = find_redundant_features(data,5,0.8)
    features_6 = find_redundant_features(data,6,0.95)

print("for target index = 4 the indices to remove are: ",features_4)
    print("for target index = 5 the indices to remove are: ",features_5)
    print("for target index = 6 the indices to remove are: ",features_6)

for target index = 4 the indices to remove are: [1]
    for target index = 5 the indices to remove are: [0, 1, 3, 7]
    for target index = 6 the indices to remove are: []
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